

**BEFORE THE MINNESOTA  
BOARD OF DENTISTRY**

In the Matter of  
Mark W. Harris, M.S.D.  
License Number: D9219

**ORDER FOR  
TEMPORARY SUSPENSION  
OF LICENSE**

The Minnesota Board of Dentistry ("Board") is authorized pursuant to Minnesota Statutes sections 150A.01 to 150A.22 (2010) to license, regulate, and discipline persons who apply for, petition, or hold licenses to practice dentistry in the State of Minnesota and is further authorized pursuant to Minnesota Statutes sections 214.10 and 214.103 (2010) to review complaints against dentists, to refer such complaints to the Attorney General's Office, and to initiate appropriate disciplinary action.

On February 15, 2011, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes section 150A.08, subdivision 8 (2010), the Complaint Committee ("Committee") filed a Notice of Petition for Temporary Suspension of License, Petition for Temporary Suspension of License, Affidavit of Mary Liesch, Affidavit of Alison Drichta, and proposed Order for Temporary Suspension of License in the matter of Mark W. Harris, M.S.D. ("Licensee").

The matter came on for consideration by the Board on February 25, 2011, pursuant to the Committee's petition and Minnesota Statutes section 150A.08, subdivision 8. Daphne A. Lundstrom, Assistant Attorney General, 445 Minnesota Street, Suite 1400, St. Paul, Minnesota 55101-2131, appeared for the Committee. Respondent did not appear. Committee members David Linde, D.D.S., Joan Sheppard, D.D.S., and Terri Youngdahl, L.D.A., did not participate in the Board's deliberations and did not vote in the matter. Karen B. Andrews, Assistant Attorney General, was present as legal advisor to the Board. All affidavits and documents offered by each

party and considered by the Board were admitted without objection. There were no objections to the legal instructions provided to the Board.

### CONCLUSION

The Board finds there is probable cause Licensee has violated statutes the Board is empowered to enforce and that Licensee's continued practice would create an imminent risk of harm to others and that, consequently, a temporary suspension of Licensee's license is warranted pursuant to Minnesota Statutes section 150A.08, subdivision 8. Accordingly, the Board issues the following:

### ORDER

1. Licensee's license to practice dentistry in the State of Minnesota is **TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED** pursuant to Minnesota Statutes section 150A.08, subdivision 8 (2010). During the period of suspension, Licensee shall not practice dentistry in any manner in the State of Minnesota.

2. This Order is effective immediately and shall remain in effect until such time as the Board issues a final decision.

3. The Committee is directed to schedule a contested case hearing in this matter. Unless otherwise agreed by Licensee and the Committee, the hearing shall begin no later than 45 days after the issuance of this Order.

Dated: February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2011

MINNESOTA BOARD OF DENTISTRY

By: Candace Mensing mms  
CANDACE MENSING, D.D.S.  
Past President  
Presiding Board Member